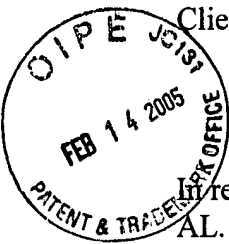


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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2005, this Reply being filed within the one month shortened statutory period, Applicants reiterate the election of Group II (claims 20-22, drawn to a "reflection light transfer module," classified in class 359, subclass 850+) for prosecution on the merits in the above-referenced application.

In accordance with the foregoing election, the **pending claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.